

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 5-13 and 15, 16, 21 and 22 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 6, 13, 15, 16 and 22 are amended in several particulars for purposes of clarity in accordance with current Office policy, to assist the examiner and to expedite compact prosecution of this application. Claims 2, 3, 4, 14 and 17-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowability concerning claims 2, 5, 6 and 14.

#### **Summary of the Interview**

A personal interview was conducted between Examiner T. Dickey and S. Sahota (Reg. 47,051) on 23 August 2006 and telephone interview on 25 August 2006. Claims 1, 3, 4, 15, 16, 21 and 22 were discussed concerning the art of Adachi (US5985704), Busta (US4949141) and Yamazaki (US2004021356). It was agreed that claims 2, 5, 6 and 14 are allowable. The Examiner made suggestions concerning claims 4 and 22, although the remarks cited in the Examiner's interview summary concerning claims 4 and 22 were not agreed upon.

The Examiner has stated that Claims 2, 5, 6 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112 set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

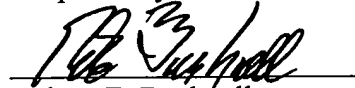
As suggested by the Examiner, the claims have been amended and therefore, should be allowable. Allowable claim 2 was included in the base claim 1 from which it depended. Allowable claim 14 was included in the base claim 13 from which it depended.

Moreover, according to MPEP §821.04 in the *In re Ochiai* rejoinder, when there is even a proper restriction between product and process claims and when the product claims are elected, and the product claims are allowable, the process claims that include all the limitations of the allowable product claims would also be allowable. Therefore, the withdrawn claims 7-12 that include the limitations of the allowable product claims should also be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. If there are any questions, the examiner is asked to contact the applicant's attorney.

A fee of \$330.00 is incurred by filing a petition for two-month extension of time. Please note that one-month extension of time fee of \$120.00 has been previously paid on 27 July 2006. (\$450.00 - \$120.00 = \$330.00) Applicant's check drawn to the order of the Commissioner accompanies this Amendment. Should there be a deficiency in payment, or should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

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